

REMARKS

2 Pursuant to an Office Action mailed December 15, 2003, the Office has
3 required restriction of claims 1-44 (Group I) and claims 45-52 (Group II). In
4 response, the applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I (i.e., claims 1-44) for
5 prosecution. Furthermore, claims 45-52 have been canceled without prejudice, as
6 detailed above. Accordingly, claims 1-44 remain pending.

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8 In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully
9 requests prompt issuance of the subject application.

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11 Respectfully Submitted,

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AMENDMENT

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